

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) A powder composition consisting essentially of (1) at least one component selected from the group consisting of perfumes and coloring agents, (2) 25 to 85 % by weight, based on the total weight of the powder composition, of trehalose and (3) 5 to 60 % by weight, based on the total weight of the powder composition, of water-soluble hemicellulose, the weight ratio of trehalose to water-soluble hemicellulose being in the range of 30:1 to 1:25.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is water-soluble hemicellulose derived from a soybean cotyledon.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is produced by subjecting a soybean cotyledon to heat extraction in an acidic region.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose has an average molecular weight in the range of about 50,000 to about 1,000,000.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the trehalose is present in an amount of 40 to 80% by weight based on the total weight of the powder composition.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is present in an amount of 10 to 40% by weight based on the total weight of the powder composition.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of trehalose to water-soluble hemicellulose is in the range of 8:1 to 1:1.

11. (Cancel)

12. (Original) A drink or food containing the composition of claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic containing the composition of claim 1.

14-15. (Cancelled)